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1. The head of the Main Department for Planning in the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry, Kurt Walter, flew to Moscow on 11 September 1955 with an East German Government delegation. The purpose of the trip, according to Walter, was to reach agreement with Soviet officials on the East German machine construction program and to set the production tasks (Produktionsaufgaben) for machine construction and heavy industry. Included in the delegation were Minister for Heavy Machine Construction Erich Apel and Minister for General Machine Construction Helmut Wunderlich, as well as a certain Moeller (fnu) from the State Planning Commission.
2. Minister for Heavy Industry Fritz Selbmann drove to Rumania on 8 September 1955 with his family for a vacation trip. According to rumors in the Ministry, he intended to spend the first half of his leave in negotiations with Rumanian officials and the second half bear-hunting. He is to return to Berlin on 12 October 1955.

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